on going projects supported under the scheme has been undertaken with help of subject experts nominated by the four Regional Committees, of the All India Council for Technical Education.

(d) Since the schemes are meant to help the institutions to create and develop a research base for improvement of quality of Technical Education, the question of any revenue loss does not arise.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2350. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of children of Central Government employees who are being denied admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas in first standard in recent years has been 5 to 8 times more than that of those who are given admission; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take to ensure that all children of Central Government employees who seek admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas are accommodated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that while the number of students seeking admission in class-I in Kendriya Vidyalayas is always more than the seats available for admission, the exact data about the number of applicants is not maintained by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan opens new schools, additional sections and has also introduced 2nd shift in some Kendriya Vidyalayas depending on the demand, availability of infrastructure and financial resources of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Winding up of Women's Study Centres

2351. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review committee set up by the UGC to examine the functioning of Women's Studies Centres and cells in its report have suggested winding up of most of the centres;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, what are the other salient features of the recommendations of the review committee;

(d) what are the implications involved in closing down the centres; and

(e) what is the decision, if any taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by UGC, the commission had set up a Review Committee to examine the Scheme and functioning of the women's studies centres and cells. The salient features of the recommendations made by the Review Committee are indicated below:

1. To make the Scheme viable and maximally effective, instead of having a large number of Women's Studies Centres, it may be restricted to 10-15, taking care to cover all the regions of the country.

2. The selection of these Centres should be based on the recommendations of a specially constituted expert committee.

3. The commitment of the State Government to take over the responsibility should be obtained prior to sanction of the Centre.

4. The University should give its commitment to provide the required infrastructural and other support.

5. The Centre should have a core faculty of one Director (Professor scale), two Assistant Directors (Reader's scale) and three Project Officers (Lecturer's scale). These should be provided in phases after performance appraisal.

6. All faculty positions should be on a contract basis.

7. There should be an Advisory Committee which should include State Government Officers.

8. There should be continuous monitoring and performance evaluation.

9. The UGC should provide funding for starting a journal to disseminate the findings of the Women's Studies projects.

10. The Cells set up in the colleges have not proved very successful and these may be discontinued.

The Committee has further recommended that 8 women's studies centres whose performance is found to be satisfactory may be allowed to continue and strengthened further. 5 other centres may be given a lease of life till the end of 1994 and their performance reviewed for taking a decision about their future continuance. There are 9 women's centres which the Review Committee have not been able to visit. A decision about their future continuance can be taken only after visits to these centres are completed.

The recommendations made by the Review Committee will be considered by the UGC Standing Committee on Women's Studies and appropriate action on the matter will be taken by the Commission keeping in view the availability of financial resources.

Opening up of Kendriya Vidyalaya

2352. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 24 Kendriya Vidyalayas proposed to be opened in the country during the current academic session seven have been opened in Madhya Predesh only while claims/demands of other states have been neglected; and

(b) if so, the reasons for discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas are set up at place where there is sizeable concentration of Central Government employees in Civil or Defence Sectors and on the basis of demands/recommendations of the user agencies including Public Sector Undertakings. The Vidyalayas are not opened state-wise and therefore there is no neglect or discrimination between the claim of one state or other during 1993-94, 24 Kendriya Vidyalayas distributed over 15 states have been sanctioned as per list annexed.

State-wise list of Kendriya Vidyalayas sanctioned during 1993-94

S. No.	NAME OF THE STATION
	ANDHRA PRADESH
1.	Gooty, Distt. Anantpur
	ASSAM
2.	Air Force Station, Dinjan
	BIHAR
3.	Barkakana, Distt. Hazaribagh
4.	AFS, Darbhanga
	GUJARAT
5.	ONGC, Hazira, Surat
	HARYANA
6.	AFS, Mohammadpur (Ahir), Distt. Gurgaon
	HIMACHAL PRADESH
7.	Naleti, Distt. Kangra
	KERALA
8.	Adoor, Pethanamthitta Distt.
	KARNATAKA
9.	Vinoba Nagar, Hubli, Distt. Dharwad
10.	Mysore
	MADHYA PRADESH
11.	Balaghat
12.	Dhar
13.	Chattarpur
14.	Barwaha, Distt. Khargon
15.	Mahasamund
16.	Chhindwara
17.	TFRI, Jabalpur
	MAHARASHTRA
18.	Ajni, Distt. Nagpur
	ORISSA
19.	Sundergarh
	RAJASTHAN
20.	Beawar, Distt. Ajmer
	TRIPURA
21.	Kailashahar, Distt. North Tripura
	UTTAR PRADESH
22.	Balliya
23.	Opto Electronic Factory, Dehradun
	DELHI
24.	International Airports Authority of India, Rangpuri

Legislation to prevent stripping of women

2353. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: